

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been canceled. New claims 13-32 have been added. Thus, claims 13-32 are presented for examination. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments.

In the International phase of this PCT application amended sheets regarding the claims have been filed. The amendments in the International phase are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety in the present Preliminary Amendment and also filed on separate sheets herewith as originally filed and along with an English translation document.

A substitute specification incorporating the changes in this preliminary amendment is provided with this application. No new matter has been added by way of the substitute specification.

The amendments are not made for purposes of patentability.

Conclusion

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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